NASA Advisory Council Meeting

REPORT OF AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Fund Balance With Treasury

Further Progress: At the end of March balance was \$2M net versus \$10M at Prior Year End

Environmental Liability

Still in good shape, but team that designed and implemented process (fix) has moved on

At Present no problem but monitoring closely

Still to do: Get Vendor to perform IV&V on software

Financial Staff Personnel Issues

Still 10 FTE's below full compliment Qualified candidates hard to find Continue to monitor

Grant Accounting

Under study by NSSC Transition Team Consulting with HHS

Unobligated Balances

Report due to Terry Bowie by End of April

SAP Version Update

Feb 07 NAC Meeting reported that SAP Version Update - GO Live Nov. 2006 - uncovered a data mapping glitch

SAP Patch - Feb 2007

Problem has metastasized to 10 major items

Required attention from SAP Corporate Management

Most Items now cleared-up

Problems should be fixed with all patches in place by Mid May

Old Business

Property Plant & Equipment

Long Pole in Tent

To Review:

Total Assets \$33.2B

Theme Assets \$12-15B

All Other Assets ~ \$20B

- Shuttle
- ISS
- Ground Support

PPE – Continued

Theme Assets Accounting Change

FASAB ruling expected in May
Change would treat Theme Assets as R&D

- Immediate Write-Off
- OIG & E&Y likely to go Along
- OCFO anticipates Approval

Contractor Held Property

Propose Including Assets identification on Form 533 – will facilitate traceability

Temporarily transfer control back to centers

Solution likely to be costly

NASA Shared Services Center

23 Functions – Currently 4 Financial

- Missed Some Milestones
- No New Functions Transferred in
- OCFO has implemented a more prudent timeline
- Encourage OCFO to develop a plan before further transfer

• • Committee Recommendations

IMPLEMENTED

Center CFO Chain of Command OCFO Staff Responsibility Environmental Liabilities

IN PROCESS

JSC Error Tracking Tool - Presented to ALL Centers Customer Satisfaction Tool

<u>NEW</u>

None At This Time

Future Actions

Property Plant & Equipment – Explore Options

Financial & Control Systems – Review & Monitor

IEMP – Fact Finding Meeting with Bobby German

Grant Accounting – Fact Finding Meeting

Unobligated Balances – Fact Finding Meeting

NASA Shared Services Center – Continue Monitoring

New Projects – Schedule meeting on Costs & Internal Controls

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